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Dear Mr. Newman;

Your kind letter of August 12, 1998 received last week. The delay was due to the fact we had been in Europe for the past three months.

Now, to the English guineas, some clipped, some plugged, some c/s with script capital "B" or any combination of the above.

The "B" counterstamp might very well be for John Burger, but I fail to see a "JB". I see only "B" and the members of ERIK see the same. Please refer to "Marks of American Silversmiths Revised", by Robert Allen Green where Burger's recorded marks are; "Burger" in indent 2 varieties & "I•B" in square indent with rounded corners. Conversely, I do not find any mention of a capital script "B".

Below is a list on the English guineas, with weights and c/s in my collection;

NAGS, 1760, 8.2172g, clipped
1749. 8.1939g. clipped
1777 8.1958g. clipped
1750, 8.150g. clipped
1759, 8.15g. clipped
1749 8.1570g. clipped, plugged, c/s "EB" over plug & "B", (Garrett #2344)
1773 8.160g. clipped c/s "B" Gordon #3 p.92
1775 8.1620g. clipped c/s "B" in oval, not in Gordon, (Garrett #1230)
Barbadoes 1760 7.3058g. c/s "JB" in capital script in oblong indent. not in Gordon,
not same recorded mark as John Benjamin.
Penna.(?) 1734 8.1288g. clipped c/s "B"
1716 8.1237g. clipped c/s "B" over plug
NAGS 1786R 8.035g. c/s "EB" (French Louis d'or)
1760 8.0964g. clipped c/s "B" over plug
1713 7.859g. clipped, c/s "EB" present weight near Island weight for St.
Vincent (7.988g.) Earliest known date.

I haven't double checked but I believe the two Penna. pieces are ex Murdock, lots 852 & 853 "found in the State of Georgia".

The above does not include the "joes" c/s with a "B".

I will try to get a copy of Ralph Gordon's book for you.

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There is no doubt the "EB" marks are for Brasher.

I place the weight and c/s on the Gold more important than what it was worth in Pounds & Shillings as every Island and every State had a different scale of values.

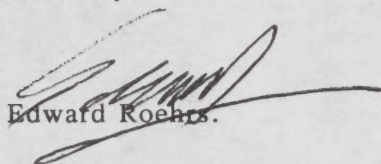
Want to get this letter off to you as soon as possible as three months is a long wait.

Thank you for your kind past favors, particularly the work you did in dertermining the Gold content of the latge Puerto Rico medal that Peter Mitchell submitted to you.

With all best wishes,

I am.

Sincerely,


Edward Roehrs.